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### PEAT AND SHALE OUTPUT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

BELORUSSIAN PEAT ENTERPRISES BEAT PLANS -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 115, 11 Jun 49

The "Krasnoye zvezda" Peat Enterprise (director, A. K. Panyshov) raised the season quota 10 percent in May but had, nevertheless, completed almost half the season quota by 1 June. The May plan for the removal of peat was fulfilled 145 percent.

The "Lukakoye" Peat Enterprise (chief engineer, V. V. Vezelov) is successfully carrying out the season plan for peat mining. Many brigades are greatly exceeding their quotas. The May plan for removal of peat has been fulfilled.

The "Mekhanovichi" Boat Enterprise (director, V. P. Stasevich) and the "Svoboda" Boat Enterprise (director, A. K. Vasilevskiy) report success in meeting their quotas.

Thousands of young specialists, engineers, and technicians working in the Belorussian peat industry are in need of courses to improve their technical ability. Such courses are not available to them but it is the opinion of a number of workers that correspondence courses should be organized at the Polytechnic Institute imeni Stalin and at the Polytechnic School for peat workers who wish to increase their technical knowledge.

BEAT INSTITUTE ORGANIZES TRAINING BASE -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 130, 4 Jun 49

A large experimental training base of the Moscow Peat Institute is being created on the site of the former Malysheskiy Peat Enterprise (Bromnitsy Station), 60 kilometers from Moscow. The base has been set up to provide further practical training for future engineers in the peat industry. Professors, instructors, and students will conduct scientific research here.

During 1949-50, a new type of briquette plant will be built and installations for mechanized dehydration of peat will be assembled. Sections for geodetic surveys, mechanized reprocessing of peat, etc., will also be constructed. An artificial water basin is being created for sanitation needs and hydrological research. The first group of 150 students will arrive for production training in the middle of June.

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SLOKA PEAT BRIGADE SETS LATVIAN RECORD -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 133, 8 Jun 49

One of the 16 brigades at the Sloka Peat Plant in Latvia produced 82,100 peat bricks in one shift, a record for Latvian peat industry. The usual production by this brigade is 40,000 - 48,000 bricks per shift instead of 26,000 as planned. During May alone, it produced 250 tons of fuel above plan. The brigade is using the Tosmar peat-extracting machine.

ESTONIAN SHALE MINE UPS OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 135, 10 Jun 49

The "Ub'ya" Shale Mine at Rakvere, Estonia, fulfilled 107 percent of its May production plan. Output has sharply increased in June, now being 13 percent greater than it was in May.

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